

connecting spring plate and turned in U-shape so as to be overlapped with each other in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the branch portion;

the base end connecting portion being constructed and arranged for connection to a terminal of a sound generator by soldering, and the head end connecting portion being turned in U-shape for connection to a terminal of an outer circuit by pressing the head end connecting portion against the terminal;

a surface of the base end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating;

a surface of the head end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating, and

said coating with gold by gold plating being limited to the base and the head end connecting portions.

### REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 25, 2002, has been carefully reviewed in light of the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

As a result of the Office Action, claims 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art in view of Cherian and Ford. These references have been carefully reviewed but are not believed to show or suggest Applicants' invention as now